



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the 60th Anniversary of Puanani Alama's Hula Studio

WHEREAS, Puanani Alama's Hula Studio has taught many *hula* students since it opened in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Puanani Alama was featured on the cover of the iconic album *Lovely Hula Hands* in the 1960s, and she was also a regular featured performer on the Lucky Luck show on television, where she danced to the *nahenahe* sounds of Aunty Genoa Keawe, who wrote the song "Puanani" in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Puanani Alama's successful solo *hula* career includes entertaining in Waikiki at many venues, including The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, The Niimalu Hotel, The Halekulani, The Waikiki Biltmore, Don the Beachcomber's, and Willard Inn; she also performed throughout the United States for the USO; and

WHEREAS, Puanani Alama's legacy as a *kumu hula* includes serving as an instructor for Bill Lincoln when she was 12 years old; she also taught for the Dan Wallace Dance Studio, and for the City & County of Honolulu's Parks and Recreation; and her students have found great success in the Miss Hawai'i, Cherry Blossom, and Narcissus Beauty Pageants; and

WHEREAS, Puanani Alama is the last surviving judge from the inaugural Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, which celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2013; she has served as a judge for the King Kamehameha Hula & Keiki Hula Competition in Honolulu and the Keiki/Kūpuna Hula Festival in Kona; and

WHEREAS, Puanani and her late sister Leilani Alama performed in the first Nā Hula o Hawai'i festival for the City & County of Honolulu in 1940 as students, and as *kumu hula* presented their own students at the festival and have been a part of the Nā Hula o Hawai'i Festival for 73 years, with this year marking Puanani Alama's 74th year of participation; and

WHEREAS, the sisters were honored at the 25th King Kamehameha Hula Competition, served as Grand Marshall in 1999 of the King Kamehameha Day Parade, and were honored with the I Ola Mau Ka Hula Award by Hula Grill Waikiki in 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2014, as

"PUANANI ALAMA DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Puanani Alama's exceptional contributions to culture in Hawai'i, especially her 60 years teaching the art of *hula* as an instructor at her studio.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of August, 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i